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Department of Environment and Conservation
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Notice of Public Meeting

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Last Day to Submit Written Comments: February 22, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in response to an application to issue a new NPDES permit, the Division of Water Pollution Control, Mining Section, will hold the following public meeting, pursuant to *Rule 1200-4-3-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

**February 12, 2008
7:00 p.m. EST
Town of Spring City – Municipal Building
229 Front Street
Spring City, Tennessee 37381-5370**

At the meeting, the Division will present information regarding the application, alternatives analysis, and economic and social justification for the proposed new discharge of treated mine wastewater and storm water to high quality water by the following applicant.

**General Shale Brick, Inc.
Spring City Mine 23
NPDES Permit TN0079863 (Draft)
Rhea County**

The site is located just off Highway 27, in Spring City, Tennessee. The specific location of the proposed shale mine is Latitude 35°42'21" North, Longitude 84°51'10" West. The proposed permit area is 60 acres.

The area to be mined is leased from the Town of Spring City. General Shale Brick, Inc., plans to build a brick manufacturing facility adjacent to the mine. This facility will be covered by a separate permit. The depth of mining is proposed to be approximately 20 to 31 feet. The post mining land use for the site is to be the Spring City Industrial Park.

The permit would authorize the discharge of treated mine wastewater and storm water from three settling basins at their corresponding outfalls. The discharges will be limited for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and pH. Shale will be mined and transported to the adjacent manufacturing facility for storage and processing. There will be no washing at this facility.

Piney River has been identified by the Division as Exceptional Tennessee Waters. The receiving stream for discharges from the operation is an unnamed tributary to the Piney River. Confluence with Piney River is approximately one stream mile downstream from the discharge. This point of confluence is less than 0.5 miles from the Piney River Embayment.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting and until **February 22, 2008**.

Interested persons may obtain additional information and copy the application and supporting documentation from the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours by contacting Kimberley Reardon by e-mail at Kimberley.Reardon@state.tn.us or by phone at (865) 594-5619 to schedule an appointment for the review. A copy of the permit application will be available for review at the meeting.

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